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A RAILROAD FIGHT.

AN INTERESTING SITUATION IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.

The Franklin and Pittsylvania Road and Its Lease to the Southern System—May Get Into the Courts.

ROCKY MOUNT, VA., May 25.—(Special)—A good deal of excitement prevails in the section of country through which runs the Franklin and Pittsylvania railroad, a distance of thirty-seven miles, from this place to Franklin Junction, the terminus of the road, on account of a proposition submitted to the officials of this road looking to the abandonment of its lease by the Southern Railway Company. A special election will be held June 2d on the proposal to issue note to exceed \$250 in bonds for the purpose of enlarging and improving their cemetery. A new post-office named "McKinley," has been established near New Port, in this county.

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and B. M. Randolph, Jr., Richmond. The party were taken in charge by Dr. Edwin G. Booth and Mr. C. W. Coleman and shown all the places of interest in our old town.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Deacon left last evening for a visit to Baltimore.

Miss Amanda Caskie, of St. Louis, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Spencer. Miss Caskie, with her mother and sister, Mrs. Plass, will spend the summer in a cottage at Crystal Beach.

Mrs. A. S. Caskie, from Ashland, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Latham, wife of Rev. J. N. Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Tazewell Taylor (see McCaw) have been visiting here Mr. and Mrs. James D. McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor from the place near Norfolk.

Mr. E. T. Lambe, wife of the general agent of the Southern road at Norfolk, with her children and nurse, is here, visiting her parents, Captain and Mrs. Lambe.

Among those who came to attend Judge Henley's funeral yesterday were Mr. E. T. Lamb, Norfolk; Collector Rogers, Postmaster Shields, Hon. J. F. Hubbard, U. S. Senator; Dr. W. H. Johnson, Dr. W. H. Johnson, Dr. Marsden, Rev. P. Wright, Judge H. B. Warren, D. W. Marland, and E. W. Warburton, James City; Dr. R. and J. R. Newman, and James McNeely, of the firm of Newman & Brum. A considerable number were unable to gain admission to the house during the funeral services, which were conducted by Rev. Lyman B. Wharton and Dr. Samuel Stubbs, from Woods Crossroads, Gloucester county, after a pleasant visit here since Sunday, left for their homes this evening, crossing the York River Breezes.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.

Valley City Notes—Waynesboro Mention—Personal.

STAUNTON, VA., May 25.—(Special)—On Friday the public schools of the city will close. There will be an exhibition of the pupils' work in pottery, cooking, and art from 2 to 6 P. M., and on the next day the medals and diplomas will be awarded in Columbian Hall.

The State Institution for the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind closes its session June 9th.

The Waynesboro' Council has decided to lay \$250 in bonds for the purpose of enlarging and improving their cemetery. A special election will be held June 2d on the proposal to issue note to exceed \$250 in bonds to be used in buying the cemetery supply.

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Methodist Parsonage Society.

NORFOLK, VA., May 25.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was begun in this city morning at 11 o'clock, in the lecture room of the Epworth Methodist church, with M. W. Jones, of this city, presiding.

In the chair, Delegates were present from various parts of the State, and there was also a good attendance of people from other cities. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Drs. Johnson and Hound, of this city. The State Treasurer, today, drew a check for \$29,862, to meet the interest on the 6 per cent. North Carolina railway bonds.

State-Treasurer Worth is at Guilford College, attending the commencement.

BRIEFS.

Two of the inmates of the Soldiers' Home—A. Brown and Mr. Landis, of Oxford—are dangerously sick.

Governor Russell will appoint thirty delegates to represent this State at the International Gold-Mining Convention at Denver, July 7th to 9th.

Among the arrivals here is E. F. Aylett, of Elizabeth City.

Salem Female College Commencement.

EMPORIA, VA., May 25.—(Special)—The grand concert to-night in connection with Salem Female College commencement exercises, was opened to the several hundred spectators who attended to hear the venerable Moravian church, where the exercises were held. The pleasing and successfully rendered programme consisted of vocal and instrumental selections, and the solo reputation for which the school is well founded.

Miss Lucy Lybrook and Marie Jefferson of Virginia, took part in the charming musical entertainment.

The Alumni Association held an interesting and largely attended meeting to-day. Mrs. D. H. Starbuck, of Winston, was re-elected president. The society made the erection of a centennial auditorium in 1892 for the sum of \$10,000, and the sum of \$3,000 toward the work, which will cost \$5,000. To-morrow will be commencement day.

Congressman Kitchin, who delivers the address, arrived to-night.

Emporia Jottings.

EMPORIA, VA., May 25.—(Special)—The Clerk of the Court this morning delivered to the Sheriff the poll-books for the election. Yesterday, news of the election was given in to the several interest of election. There is but little interest manifested here in the election, and I seldom hear the question of the convention alluded to so much.

At the time of the vote here will be against convention.

Mr. E. Peyton Turner, Deputy Clerk, is quite sick.

Mr. C. P. Litsey, a prominent citizen of the town, is quite sick.

Mr. John R. Chambliss is on a visit to Hopkinsville, Ky.

Norfolk and Western Promotions.

RAANOKE, VA., May 25.—(Special)—Charles H. Hix, assistant train master of the Radford Division of the Norfolk and Western railroad, has been promoted to the position of train master of the Radford and Pulaski divisions of the road, vice J. M. Breeler, resigned. E. A. Blake, chief dispatcher at Staunton, has been promoted to the position of manager of the Radford Division, the place vacated by Mr. Hix's promotion. Vice-President J. M. Barr and Engineer of Maintenance of Way C. S. Churchill left to-day on an inspection tour of the Western Division of the road.

Little Cause for Complaint.

NORFOLK, VA., May 25.—(Special)—The Republic party district editor, Mr. Durrett, whose son died at the hands of the Rebels, returned to Washington, where he went to see Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt in the matter of distributing work at this navy-yard. Mr. Durrett, along with the present small appropriation, has been working on about equal time, the men are worked on about equal time, the tide Republican workmen complain that in the ship-smith's department there are still a number of Democratic workmen employed.

The Shot Proved Fatal.

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A Serious Charge.

NORFOLK, VA., May 25.—(Special)—In the discussion before the Hanes' Court to-day, incident to the fixing of a day for the trial of Ned Doleman, a Portsmouth firebug, Major Crocker, for the Commonwealth, said that Doleman had been made to confess the wrongs committed with intent to injure certain of the firebugs, and to intimidate them, to keep them from testifying before the grand jury. Prosecutors will follow.

His Arm Wasn't Off.

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NO CONCLUSION.

No conclusion was reached, but the papers were submitted and a joint conference will be held by the officials of the latter road and the Board of Supervisors of this county, and an answer through counsel will be made.

There is no sort of doubt but that the proposition of the Southerns will be rejected, and then if the Southern should decide to no longer operate the road, the mandamus will be applied for to compel them to carry on the contract. It is believed that the loss to the Southern in operating the road is not less than \$50,000.

The Southern does not care to incur this expense on property not its own, and has submitted a proposition which contemplates turning the road over to the county. The remedy is to be found in the charter of the road.

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